

REMARKS

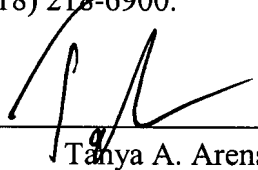
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In the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment mailed 3/16/07, the Examiner indicated that Claim 6 did not include the proper status identifier. The Applicants have amended Claim 6 to indicate that the claim is "currently amended." As such, the Applicants submit that the response is in compliance.

CONCLUSION

If a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned collect at (618) 218-6900.

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¹ 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (Sept., 8, 2000).